

With Looking After a Big Acreage of Corn and Getting Ready For Harvest, the Barton County Farmer Is Mighty Busy Now.

Knights of Columbus at Ellinwood.

A class of about thirty-five was initiated into the Knights of Columbus Council at Ellinwood Sunday afternoon. The degree work was done by officers of the local council, assisted by members from Wichita, and the third degree team from Kansas City. Appropriate to the occasion, the candidates and visiting knights of which there were a large number, attended mass at the church in the morning. After the initiatory work in the afternoon an excellent banquet was served in the school hall which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Impromptu addresses were made by a number of the members, both home and visiting, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by the tired candidates, after their work of the afternoon.

The growth of the Knights of Columbus in this county is very gratifying to those who were among the pioneers of the society here. In the near future a new Council will be instituted at Clafin, and a little later a new class will be put on in this city, which will make the membership large enough for a division of the Council, thereby giving a Council here and one at Hoisington.

Roads Like a Pavement.

The roads in Lincoln township are just like pavement where the road drags have been used, remarked Will Kinkel, who has been spending several days driving through that section.

The farmers are using the drags more than ever and they are showing good results. Most of the country roads are in better shape now than they have ever been.

The above from the Hutchinson News, shows what can be done with a road drag. We have miles and miles of pretty good road in this county, that can be made absolutely first class by the use of a road drag at the proper time.

Eighth Grade Graduates.

The graduating exercises of the members of the eighth grade were held at the opera house Monday evening. The program was as follows: Piano duet, Katherine Hamilton and Gladys Piekerill; Invocation, Rev. T. C. Downey; Address, Prof. J. H. Beach, of the Hays Normal school; Solo, Mrs. W. C. Schumacher; Presentation of Diplomas, Edward Opie; Violin Solo, L. J. Schmidt.

Following are the members of the class: Ruth Herthel, Marie Hohl, Adrian McNutt, Jessie Oliphant and Vaneta Gibling.—Clafin Clarion.

Decoration Day.

Decoration day and Memorial day were both observed in due form by the Grand Army post, their auxiliaries and friends generally. The memorial services were held at the M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Brehm delivering the sermon. On Monday morning the comrades and others repaired to the cemetery where the graves of the departed defenders were duly decorated and the post services conducted. In the afternoon the exercises were held in the park. F. V. Russell of this city delivered the address, which was an excellent one. The day was an ideal one for the occasion.

Marriage Licenses.

Homer Lee Ayers, Great Bend and Alice Newman, Arnold, Kas. Henry Schlochtenmiller, Ellinwood Tillie Knirsch, Clafin. P. Joseph Knipp, Ellinwood. Sophia Arnsdorf, Ellinwood. Sanford A. Day, Bucklin, Kan. Carolyn Aulls, Bucklin, Kan. Andrew Mantz, Olmitz. Frances Scholler, Olmitz. F. M. French, Hoisington. Roda Mae Wilson, Great Bend. J. W. Brown, Ellsworth, Kan. Addie Brown, Clafin. Thos. Machal, Great Bend. Maggie Kline, Great Bend. Don Jordan, Great Bend. Bertha E. Sellers, Great Bend.

John Heinz was up from Logan township this week.

Rev. Westwood and family have gone to Wyoming where they will spend some time visiting friends and taking their annual vacation.

Decoration Day at Galatia.

It was our good fortune to be present at the Decoration day exercises at Galatia this week. Notwithstanding the strenuous time we had in getting there and back, occasioned by the heavy rain of Saturday night, we had a pleasant trip. The people in and about Galatia are the equal in hospitality of those found anywhere. We acknowledge an invitation, which of course was accepted, to partake of dinner with the family of ex-County Treasurer Millard, though we are inclined to think that the daughter, Mrs. Ben Meyers, prepared the major portion of the dinner. It was good and the way the Feder family gobbled up their share is proof of the assertion. After dinner, the program, an excellent one was given, and the rest of the day was given over to visiting and watching athletic events.

For twenty-one years now the people of Galatia have been observing this day, and although Comrade H. J. Mullen is the only surviving wearer of the blue to still reside in that locality, the day is observed with the same fervor as when there were dozens of the old guard present. This speaks volumes for the people of the community, and is an object lesson in honoring those who were patriots, that it might be well for many other localities to emulate.

Narrow Escape for P. Sprinker in Arkansas.

Peter J. Sprinker, who has just returned from Booneville, Ark., where he was employed on a big contract job by the Chicago Auto Gas company, reports having had a narrow escape from death and is still feeling the effects of the accident in which he figured.

He was working in a pit from which coal was being hoisted up an incline by a stationary engine. As one of the small cars carrying five tons of coal was being taken up the grade Mr. Sprinker lost his balance and fell into the cable which was winding around a big iron drum. Sprinker yelled for help, and just as he was about to be wound up and mangled in the apparatus he was saved by a fellow employee who ran to his assistance and shut off the machine.

The Aurora man was untangled from the cable and removed to a doctor's office where it was found that both of his legs were badly injured, one of them having a big hole bored into it just below the knee and the other being bruised and badly swollen. Sprinker, who is a carpenter by trade, states that had not assistance come just when it did he would have been mangled to death in another minute.—Aurora (Ill.) Daily News.

Mr. Sprinker is a brother of Joe, Nic, and Hubert Sprinker, and Mrs. Susie Blaiser of this city.—Ellinwood Leader.

Base Ball.

The Millers have been playing in a little better form the last week. They had a bad losing slump. After breaking even with Newton here at home they lost two out of three games at Newton, then lost four straight games at Hutchinson. They then played a series with Wellington at home, lost the first, won the next two, and the fourth game was in progress as we went to press. Following the Wellington series, Larned comes for four games, then the team is away from home for eight games.

A little change has taken place in the lineup. Porter, Henry and Walker have been released. Bumb and Salm taken back, and Weber, the fast man we had last year, is back on the team again. The team looks better now than it has at any time since the season opened, and although they are still occupying the cellar position in the standing, they look like an easy first division bunch, and close to the top at that.

Rev. W. F. Lipphardt was in Ellinwood Wednesday on business. Andy Noffsinger, of Eureka township, was in Ford county this week on business.

Floyd Nelson was here from Hutchinson this week on a business and pleasure trip.

W. B. McDonald, George Fanchier and Ed McDonald went west this week to look after some land.

Hail Losses.

Considerable damage by hail during last Saturday night's storm is reported from various sections to the west of us. Chas. Archer and Dan Bird, both in Clarence township, suffered considerable loss. Frank Dirks, in Pawnee Rock township, has an eighty acre field pretty well shot up. John Brady has seventy-five acres struck. Others who were injured considerably are Phil Potts, John Michaels, John Boese and Martin Keenan.

Big Sales Day.

Next Wednesday, contrary to expectations will be the best sales day held in Great Bend. There will be between forty and fifty horses and mules up for sale, and among them some very choice stock, one matched team worth \$500. There will also be for sale a four passenger Buick automobile. No one should miss this whether you wish to buy, sell, or just spend the day.

Accidentally Shot.

Allen Smith, a young man who only recently arrived in this country from Russia, was accidentally shot Tuesday evening on the Peter Rudiger place where he was employed. It seems that he was pulling a gun towards him out of a wagon, when it caught in some way and was discharged, the lead entering the left shoulder. Medical aid was summoned, and the wounded man brought to the hospital. It was found necessary to amputate the arm, and while he is resting very easy, there is only a slight chance for his recovery.

ROUTE FIVE.

Mrs. Will Schultz who has been quite sick for some time, is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walters of Great Bend, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Will Hiss spent most of last week hauling his wheat to Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Schmalian spent Tuesday evening at the Williamson home.

The hail storm Saturday damaged the wheat and other growing crops considerably.

J. E. Williamson was kept at home for a few days the past week on account of sickness, but is able to be about his work now.

A small cyclone passed through this vicinity Saturday. It moved a cook shack for Cap Tucker but no damage was done.

J. E. Williamson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Schmalian were shopping in Great Bend Saturday.

Miss Opal Williamson has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Pearl Schmalian, the past two weeks.

Seward and Macksville will play ball Sunday at Seward. It will be a good game and should be well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walters visited at Schmalian's Monday. Mr. Walters purchased a good driving horse from Mr. Schmalian.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between us, the undersigned Frank S. Porter and Fred F. Hull, carrying on business in copartnership at Great Bend, Kansas, was on the 21st day of April, 1910 dissolved by mutual consent, so far as regards the said Frank S. Porter, who retires from the firm.

All credits due to said firm are to be paid to Fred F. Hull, and all debts, if any, owing by said firm, to be paid by the said Fred F. Hull.

Dated at Great Bend, Kansas, this 21st day of April, A. D., 1910

F. F. HULL,
FRANK S. PORTER,
4t. Partners as Porter & Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sooy of Kansas City were visitors in the city this week. Mr. Sooy was one of the pioneer settlers of this county, being one of the original owners of the Walnut Creek Milling Co., and for some years a great factor in the business life of the city and county.

E. O. Jordan was down from Logan township Wednesday bringing in the election returns.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mausolf of the west side are the parents of another good looking boy.

Normal Institute.

The Barton County Normal Institute convened at the high school building Monday for its 34th annual session. Supt. C. E. StJohn of Marion, is the conductor, and Supt. R. K. Farrer of Osborne, Miss Helen Minnis of Ellinwood, and Mrs. Lillian M. Rediger of Great Bend are the instructors. After assembling in the auditorium at 7:30 for instructions, the teachers went at once to their respective class rooms and the recitations were on the same as if the institute had been in session for a week.

Supt. StJohn teaches grammar, civics and bookkeeping. Supt. Farrar, mathematics; Miss Minnis, history; and Mrs. Rediger, agriculture.

There were forty-nine teachers present at the opening exercises and more are expected in during the day. Supt. Opie will try and find board and rooms for all who come, although he says the prices are so high that some may be kept from attending.

It is hoped that the institute will increase in numbers, as numbers lend enthusiasm.

About Those Bridges.

The special election on the bridge questions has been pulled off, and it is all off. The propositions were defeated by about 600 or a little better. In few of the townships was the full vote out, or anything like it. In Great Bend city the full vote was not registered, nor the vote that was was not out in full. In Great Bend township only about 25 per cent of the vote was cast. In Comanche about 30 per cent, and in Lakin only a little over 60 per cent.

South Bend polled about 75 per cent, and Liberty almost her full vote. In Liberty, Great Bend city and South Bend the vote was almost unanimous for the propositions. In Lakin it was not what it should have been. There were more votes cast against the Ellinwood proposition in Lakin township than there were cast against it in Great Bend. In Comanche the vote on the Great Bend proposition was almost even while only five voted against the Ellinwood proposition. The vote of course, varies a little in different townships, but on the whole, the three bridges fared about alike in Hoisington city we received nine "Yes" votes as against 330 "No." In several of the northern townships there was not an affirmative vote cast for the Great Bend bridge, while in many others there were only one or two votes for it.

There is nothing to be said about the bridges any further. The townships that voted against them in most cases did so because at some time or other they had been refused a bridge by some board of commissioners. Animosities of this kind were found dating back thirty years. Then, there was the ever ready talk about increased taxes, etc.

The friends of the bridges made a clean-cut fight. Every statement they made was true. The bridges were needed, are needed. They could have been built and well built within the appropriations. It would have been money saved for the county, in the event that they are not built by the localities themselves now, to have built them. But that is neither here nor there. The propositions were defeated, and that settles that part of it. It does no settle the fact though that this paper is going to continue to fight for improvements, here and elsewhere. We understand that there are eleven petitions pending for new bridges in the north part of the county, and we sincerely hope the commissioners will grant the requests. We need public improvements of a substantial kind, and we need above all things good roads and good bridges, which we take to mean concrete bridges. Boost for Barton county, the best in the state. Hide your hammer. We are for every section of the county, regardless of what section you are for.

Mrs. F. M. Hammond has returned from a visit with her parents at Haven.

County Assessor Duffenbacher was in Clafin Wednesday to meet with the board of review.

Wilson French.

The ceremony uniting Miss Mae Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wilson, and Mr. Frank French, of Hoisington, in the tie that is to hold them for life, was performed at the home of the bride in Eureka township, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Pasley of the U. B. Church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Preceding the arrival of the bridal party Miss Lizzie Wildgen sang in a pleasing manner. "O Promise Me. Promptly at eight o'clock, to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Mary Eveleigh, the bridal party entered the parlor which was tastefully decorated in pink and white carnations and roses. The bride and groom entered together preceded by Misses Effie and Eva Logan, Edith Wilson and Blanche Hammond as ribbon girls, and attended by Grover Wilson and Miss Cora Logan. The bridal party stood under three large white bells. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white satin, and the groom the conventional black. After congratulations, delicious refreshments were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed by the guests. A large number of beautiful presents were received by the young people.

Miss Wilson was one of Barton county's popular school teachers, a girl of charming manners and disposition, with scores of friends who have watched her grow to womanhood in their midst.

Mr. French is an employee of the Wildgen Lumber Co. at Hoisington. He is an excellent young man and has filled his position well.

The friends of the happy pair are limited only by the number of their acquaintances, all of whom join with us in extending to them best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. French will make their home in Hoisington.

Arthur Banta is home from Washburn.

J. J. Moran is in Denver on business this week.

Mrs. George Duncan visited Larned Decoration day.

John Haberman was in from near Olmitz this week.

Another car of Western Slope potatoes at Hornbeck's.

A. & A. Johnson moved to Hutchinson, Wednesday.

Miss Hazel Buckland visited with friends in Wichita Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chapman visited in Hutchinson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Batsy were down from the north side Monday.

Get some of those elegant Western Slope potatoes at Hornbeck's. Miss Johnson visited at her home in LaCrosse Sunday and Monday.

Miss Blanche Seaward is visiting relatives in Dodge City this week.

Loren Boyd attended Decoration day exercises in his old home town Larned.

Good strong plants, cabbage, to mato and sweet potato at Hornbeck's.

Mrs. W. R. Klinedinst visited friends in Hutchinson the first of the week.

Mrs. George Boshell and daughter, Irene, visited at Larned the first of the week.

Grove Kearney was west this week looking after some of his landed interests.

Mrs. Claude Dawson is here from St. Louis for a visit with the Dawson families and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Munns of Hoisington were the guests of Mr. S. Gano and family Monday.

Miss Maude Springer has returned to her home in Larned after a pleasant visit in this city with Mrs. Roy Shady.

Miss Anna Gilmore, accompanied by Goldie and Meta Beardsley were in Nickerson Decoration day.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Batman of the south side attended the old settlers picnic at Ness City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson and Rev. Westwood were in Ellinwood attending services last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. Ward and children were up from Newton this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ward of the south side.

Tomato, cabbage and sweet potato plants at Hornbeck's.

Premature Explosion.

The daily papers of this city this week contained a story that the First National and the J. V. Brinkman Co. banks were about to be consolidated, and that a new bank was to be instituted, to have quarters in the Wolf building, E. W. Moses to be the head of the concern. We have interviewed those interested in the matter and find as follows:

Mr. J. George Brinkman and Mr. Charles Brinkman say that there is no truth in the report. That such a move has not been contemplated, and that the only thing that has happened or been considered to indicate this move was that the First National bank people were dickering with the Brinkman people for the Lundblade building. This statement is verified to us by G. L. Chapman, president of the First National. As to the Wolf building, we are reliably informed that there is a prospect of a bank building being erected on this corner. There has also been some talk of a new bank being formed here with the Moses Brothers, the mill concern, at the head of it, but Mr. E. W. Moses informs us that so far there have been no definite plans made, nor anything definite done. If there is, the public will be given the information.

We do not know the source from which our brother newspaper men got their information, but we believe if there was anything to the story, neither of the parties mentioned in the merger above would make the statement that they have. It would be the best plan for a newspaper to follow, when such a move is rumored to take place, to interview those directly concerned, and thus get the information first hand.

W. W. Bowman was down from Pawnee Rock Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Linn of Hoisington, was in the city Monday, returning from a visit with relatives and friends at Nickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Ward came up from St. John Monday for the Decoration day exercises and for a short visit.

Bert Schaeffer of Larned has taken a position with the Riverside steam laundry, and is again a resident of our city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lorimer were up from Hutchinson this week, looking after their farming interests in Eureka township.

\$2,000 worth of Albion township railroad bonds were this week called by the township, by paying \$195 premium, which meant a saving of \$565, as they were not due until 1917. They were owned by a Buffalo, New York, party.

Western Slope potatoes are best. A car load at Hornbeck's.

B. P. Unruh, of Pawnee Rock was in the city Wednesday evening.

S. E. Ruggles, of Hoisington was in the city Wednesday renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. E. P. Gage and daughters, Mabel and Carrie, were over from Elmdale Wednesday.

Will Billups, head of the Albert schools, was in the city a couple of days this week. Mr. Billups has just completed his work as enumerator for Walnut and Eureka townships.

The regular monthly meeting of the Business Mens Association was held Wednesday evening. Routine business was transacted and the balance of the picnic business settled up. A statement of the receipts and disbursements of the picnic funds is to be published, for the especial benefit of those who consider the annual picnic and money making scheme for the Association.

Henry Langfield was in the city Wednesday morning. While hauling hay one day last week he met with an accident that was a bad one, and almost a fatal one. He was on top of the load pulling on the rope attached to the hay fork in the barn, when all at once the rope broke and Mr. Langfield went off of the load backwards, turning a somersault and landing on his face. He had a painful dose of it.